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Pass the Fake Auction Bill!

A favorable report has been made to the Senate on the fake auction bill which was recently passed by the House, and the hope is that it will be put on its passage in that body before adjournment for the recess. This measure has been urged for several years, and at last progress has been effected to the point of legislation, the completion of which will enable the Commissioners to elude a nuisance that has for a long time prevailed in Washington.

It only needs a brief observation of the conduct of one of the "fake auctions" to demonstrate the need of such an act as that now pending. The tricks that are played there, just within the letter of the law, are shameful. Deception is practiced upon the ignorant and the credulous, and the heedless that undoubtedly make the public of thousands of dollars in the course of a year. Legitimate business is injured by such enterprises, which thrive upon the lack of knowledge of values on the part of the average purchaser.

There is no present method whereby these fakes can be prevented. The vendors themselves, highly specialized in deception, manage to work their game by a sort of hypnotism upon the victim, carefully choosing descriptive language that allures and in truth misrepresents without positively violating the law against fraud. Many tricks are played that catch innocent persons unawares. After the transaction is completed and the goods are found to be below the declared or insinuated standard, there is practically no chance to prove fraud. The chances are all against the victim. He has perhaps no witnesses, having taken no precautions to surround himself with friends when he makes his purchase, whereas the vendor, with his secret "cappers" always in attendance, is able to bring forward evidence in his behalf to establish innocence of deception.

Only by the enactment of such a law as that proposed by the pending bill can the Commissioners reach this evil and drive out of Washington the fakers who have made profitable business here for some years, and keep them out. The Senate can readily pass this bill in fifteen minutes or less if it is brought forward at the right moment.

Vice President Marshall's expressions of confidence in President Wilson have been graceful and timely. However, they were scarcely needed as assurances that Candidate Marshall would support the remainder of the ticket.

The Boston and Maine railroad goes into the hands of a receiver because it can not pay \$13,000,000, due August 31. That old thirteen superstition refuses to keep quiet.

Transportation problems will no doubt be settled in a way that will not compel Henry Ford to devise a new automobile to take the place of the locomotive.

Discussion was made more difficult because George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and others of that circle failed to leave behind any maxims on railroad-ing.

The President's Horse Swap.

At Waterville, Me., Thursday night in asking for an indorsement of the administration, Secretary Baker said:

"Large problems lie before us in the next four years. The reconstruction must take place. No unfamiliar hand should be put in to guide the course of our nation during that period. No uncertain voice should be permitted to speak our spirit at the council table that recognizes the universe. This is a time when, having pressed forward nobly on a high and difficult course, the finish should be left to those who have demonstrated their ability by their work already done."

This, put in other terms, is the familiar proposition that "it is not best to swap horses while crossing a stream." The adage is popularly attributed to Mr. Lincoln, but he merely gave it prominence and wide circulation by using it on an important occasion. And on that occasion he attributed it to "an old Dutch farmer."

Whatever there may be in the adage, was Secretary Baker happy in quoting it? In the case of the War Department did not the President swap horses while crossing a stream, and a rather turbulent body of water at that? A very "large problem" was on the card—an increase and "reconstruction" of the army. A "hand" qualified by several years study was "guiding." Secretary Garrison was well established in the confidence of the country, and it was thought also in the President's confidence. But when a difference between them arose, the President swapped him, and Mr. Baker was the new horse chosen.

Mr. Baker had had no training in army matters—probably had never given them a thought. The President knew him in connection with other very different matters, and having formed a favorable opinion of him on general

score decided to give him a trial on that score.

It must have required resolution on Mr. Baker's part to respond. Congress was in session, with war measures pressing. The situation on the Mexican border was ticklish in the extreme. All Europe was in the throes of armed conflict. Our War Department had not struggled with problems so grave and difficult and complicated in half a century.

But Mr. Baker responded. He shouldered the unfamiliar burden the President proposed, and has been carrying it ever since. He has sat at the head of the department table and conferred with trained soldiers; represented the department before committees of Congress; advised the President on questions of war detail, and shirked none of the trying duties of his trying place.

The swap caused much comment, and it was not confined to the political opposition. But it did not influence the President, who had made the swap without hesitation and now stood by the new horse.

Cannon and Aldrich.

Mr. Gallinger's tribute in the Senate yesterday to Mr. Cannon and the late Mr. Aldrich recalled some stirring history which those two very capable men helped to make. The period is past, but while it lasted it was lively.

Mr. Cannon probably enjoyed his experience more than Mr. Aldrich did his. While dead in earnest and diligent in pursuit of ends, he had, and has, what is called a saving sense of humor. This enabled him to discount the oburgations that were heaped upon him, and smiling await a later verdict.

Fortunately, he has lived to see that verdict rendered. "Cannonism" has been adopted by his opponents, and brought up to date. If the next House is republican, and bossy tactics are determined upon, the pattern need not be "Cannonism," but what has succeeded that is.

Personally, Mr. Cannon has achieved a great triumph. The measure of former blame has become the measure of later praise. He is probably the most popular man in the present House, both sides doing him honor whenever occasion offers. No national legislator of his generation has come into quite so much hearty good fortune.

Mr. Aldrich was of a different temperament. While approachable, he was not chummy. He lacked humor. He was always busy. Like David B. Hill, he ate, drank and dreamed politics. He was a master craftsman, and sometimes a hard taskmaster. He did things, and many things. For his own good, he was too indifferent to misrepresentation and censure. His opponents threw a good deal of mud, and some of it stuck. He did not take the trouble to brush it off.

Although he did not like to see it, Mr. Aldrich, too, has had his triumph. A large amount of the important work he performed in connection with illuminating the currency question was utilized by those who drafted and passed the new currency law. He had given years of investigations and a study of the subject, and next after John Sherman was probably the best qualified man of the time to deal with it. Abroad as well as at home, he was a recognized authority as to both finance and taxation.

Politics is a strenuous game, and at times merciless. It takes a strong man to play it well; but when such a man "sits in" he takes whatever comes—now good, now hard, fortune—and plays his cards for all they are worth, supported by the reflection that "time at last sets all things even."

The agitation has made it look as if this were to be a great summer for tautology, split infinitives and other forms of literary relaxation.

Railroad employees had the privilege of seeing railroad employers in their shirt sleeves working more than ten hours a day.

Since the mosquito cannot be exterminated, steps might be taken to compel him to engage only in bloodless battles.

No statistician has figured out exactly how many "hottest days on record" one summer is entitled to produce.

Water Rates.

As between a special appropriation for the care and maintenance of the Washington aqueduct and the raising of rates for water use the former should be adopted as a measure to cover the prospective situation when the aqueduct is transferred to the Commissioners. Water rates should be held as low as possible. When they were raised a few years ago, in consequence of a general metering of the city, there was universal public protest and much anxiety was felt. Probably the health of the city suffered, for although the difference in the annual bills caused by the increased rates was slight nevertheless the fact that the rates were raised caused many persons to be extremely particular about water use.

Water should be as free as possible. Metering is not in the long run a wise plan, as regards the domestic user. It is undoubtedly the most equitable method of measuring the use of the large user, but for the ordinary household purposes there should be practically no limit to the consumption. But metering has been adopted and the installation is in operation, after a heavy initial expense, which has been defrayed by the water users in the increased rates adopted at that time.

As a matter of equity the rates to the domestic users should now be reduced rather than increased, for the latest advance in rates was for the purpose of installing the water meters, which have by now been paid for, so that the additional charge is what is in sporting parlance "velvet" to the administration. It is now proposed to add to this margin

over the cost of distributing the water to the users by increasing the rate still further to meet the extra expense of the new administration of the service under the Commissioners.

The water users should not be required to carry a burden which is incidental to a mere change in administrative authority. There will be time next winter to work out this matter in such terms that the consumers of Potomac water will not have to pay even more than at present for their supply.

New York's Epidemic Waning.

New York's health officials are encouraged by a recent steady decrease in the daily number of new cases of infantile paralysis, yesterday only ninety-four additional infections having been reported, with twenty-two deaths. This was a decrease of fifteen cases and nine deaths from the day previous. On the strength of this falling off, which has been fairly constant for some days, it is declared that the epidemic is now definitely on the wane. Still the authorities expect that the total number of cases, now 7,821, will rise to over 10,000 and that the deaths, now 1,785, will total about 2,500. This, however, is not the whole of the evil result of this outbreak, for it is estimated that fully 2,500 children will be left in condition to need braces, perhaps for the remainder of their lives, while perhaps 3,000 other children will be crippled, with some chance for nearly complete recovery.

A singular feature of the New York disease is that though it is distinctly waning in prevalence the death rate is rising. At the close of yesterday's reports the rate was 23.42, an advance of about 1 per cent in less than ten days. No explanation of this phenomenon has been vouchsafed. In fact, the whole epidemic has been most mysterious. The initial center of infection has never been discovered and no definite clue to the means of transmission has been obtained. From the beginning the most dreadful feature of the outbreak has been the utter mystery of the cause. It is indeed remarkable that with this malady raging so fatally throughout the great city there has been practically no panic save at the outset, when an exodus of parents with children took place for a few days.

August has never failed to provide touches of climate calculated to reconcile the mind to prospects of a blizzard some months later.

Some delay has been inevitable in enabling troops at the Mexican border to ascertain whether they are coming or going.

If Senator Tillman can bury pitchforks and raise olive branches, he should be made Secretary of Agriculture.

Maine is expecting T. R. to come back feeling like a bull moose in spirits, if not in politics.

Public opinion is always considered, whether public welfare is or not.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Natural History.

"It doesn't seem natural to me," said father dear, "for people to wear furs in the summer."

"Why," exclaimed Gladys, "it's a custom that goes right back to nature. Nearly all the quadrupeds do so."

"De man dat tells all he knows," said Uncle Eben, "ain't nigh as bad as de one who can't stop dar, but keeps on tellin'."

Unterrified Agriculture.

The farmer wears a look serene, Regardless of the flurry.
He carts his crops by gasoline
And lets the statesmen worry.

The Needless Inquiry.

"What started the war in Europe?" "I dunno," replied Mr. Growcher, "I'm not admitted to the councils of power. But I shouldn't be surprised if it could be remotely traced to argument that arose from just some such question as that."

Personally Influenced.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I am going to be in favor of government ownership."

"Have you given the matter any thought?"

"Yes, indeed. If we had government ownership of railroads I might be able to tell any conductor who didn't find me a seat on the shady side of the car that I wouldn't vote for him next election."

Questions.

How much'll it cost—and who shall pay? These are the questions from day to day. What's the price of gingham, the price of silk,

The price of bread and the price of milk? A chance to walk in the halls of pride. Or a breath of air in the country wide. An end to the battle's fierce array—How much'll it cost—and who shall pay?

Each of us feels with resentment grim, That heavy the reckoning falls on him, Nor pauses among his accounts to know Of the self-denial that others show. We shift the burdens and shift the blame, But some one must bear them, just the same.

And whatever we do or even say, How much'll it cost—and who shall pay?

Battle of the Diamond.

From the Chicago News.
Meanwhile the base ball teams are deciding their question of supremacy with astonishingly little loss of life or of cuticle.

Remodeling Things.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.
The map makers of the Balkans are having some trouble keeping pace with the history makers.

Seeing the World.

From the New York Evening Post.
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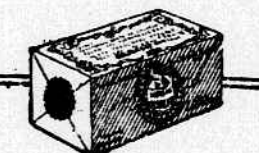
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Providence, R. I., Oct. 15, 1915.—"Some time ago my skin began to break out in little pimples. These filled with water and when they opened the watery fluid ran out and spread the trouble until my entire body from my face to my feet was covered. The itching was something terrible, and I would scratch until the blood came, and my skin would feel as if it were burning. I tried a prescription and several kinds of salve, but none helped me. After I had suffered this way for about 14 or 15 months I tried Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap, and the first application relieved me so that I slept that night. In six weeks I was cured." (Signed) Raymond E. Mader, 460 Union Ave. Doctors have prescribed the Resinol treatment for over twenty years. Sold by all druggists. Samples free—write to Dept. 3-S, Resinol, Baltimore, Md.—Advertisement.

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World's record for one mile on one-mile track, Des Moines, Ia., June 25, 1916, De Palma driving Mercedes car. Speed at the rate of 103 miles per hour.
World's record for 5 miles on one-mile track, Des Moines, Ia., June 25, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car. 3 minutes, 2 seconds. 90 miles per hour.
Fourth place, 150-mile race on one-mile track, Des Moines, Ia., June 26, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car.
First place, 50-mile race, on one-mile track, Des Moines, Ia., June 26, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car. 89 miles per hour.
Second place, 20-mile race, Des Moines, Ia., June 26, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car. 92 miles per hour.
Second place, 10-mile race, Des Moines, Ia., June 26, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car. 90 miles per hour.
First place, 5-mile race, one-mile track, Des Moines, Ia., June 26, 1916, Lewis driving Crawford car. 90 miles per hour.
First place, 100-mile race, 1 1/2 mile dirt track (poor condition), Kansas City, Mo., De Palma driving Mercedes car. 63 miles per hour.
First place, Eddie Rickenbacker driving Maxwell car. Third place, Lewis driving Crawford car. Fourth place, De Palma driving Mercedes car. Fifth place, Henderson driving Maxwell car—350-mile race on 2-mile track, at Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 5, 1916. Speed of winner 80 miles per hour.
In this race, the biggest event of the season on the Pacific Coast, and one of the few races recognized by the American Automobile Association, Eddie Rickenbacker was on Goodyear Cord Tires without tire trouble. He changed his four tires for safety's sake only. Lewis who won third changed but one tire. De Palma who was fourth changed but one tire. Henderson who won fifth went through the entire race without a stop.

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